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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON JMOMO AND NGUZA

1. THE NEW NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR (EDWARD OMOKWALE E UHORO),
IN AN INTRODUCTORY CALL ON ME, COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON
NIGERIAN ATTITUDES REGARDING NJOMO AND NAMIBIA
AND THE RECENT FALL FROM GRACE OF NGUZA, WHICH WERE NEWS
TO ME. WHILE I SUSPECT THAT BOTH AMEMBASSIES LAGOS
AND KINSHASA WILL FIND HIS INFORMATION MONUMENTALLY
UNINTERESTING, I PASS IT ON FOR WHATEVER IT IS WORTH.

2. WITH REGARD TO NJOMO, AMBASSADOR E YHORO REMARKED
THAT AT A RECENT CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING IN EUROPE THE
NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR ENAHORO THAT
THE GON WAS BECOMING "FED UP" WITH NJOMO'S UNWILLINGNESS
TO ACCEPT HALF A LOAF. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR ENAHORO,
THE NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FEELS STRONGLY THAT PROGRESS
ON NAMIBIA IS ALREADY SUFFICIENT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE
FOR SWAPO TO ACCEPT THE COMPROMISE AND "BUILD FROM
THERE." THE AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO SAY THAT NIGERIA
COULD NOT, OF COURSE, PUBLICLY BREAK WITH NJOMO, BUT
THE GON THINKS NJOMO IS MAKING A MAJOR MISTAKE AND
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IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE HIM VOCIFEROUS SUPPORT IN THE
FUTURE.

3. WITH REGARD TO NGUZA, AMBASSADOR ENAHORO (WHO WAS
AMBASSADOR TO KINSHASA BEFORE HIS ASSIGNMENT TO BELGRADE)
SAID THAT THE ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S ARREST
WAS THE PURE AND SIMPLE RESULT OF HIS INCREASING

POPULARITY. HE SAID THAT NGUZA HAD MAINTAINED CLOSE
RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF "MODERATE" AFRICAN
STATES, WAS WELL RESPECTED IN LAGOS, AND WAS VIEWED
BY THE GON AS THE MAJOR FORCE FOR RATIONALITY IN
ZAIRE. HE SAID THAT NGUZA'S ARREST HAD COME AS A SHOCK
TO LAGOS AND DID NOT PORTEND WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF
A RELAXATION OF MOBUTU'S PERSONALIZED STYLE OF GOVERNMENT.
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